



PATENT - AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 Expedited
Procedure - Examining Group 2863

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Salvatore N. Storino : Date: January 28, 2004
Group Art Unit: 2863 : IBM Corporation
Examiner: Sun, Xiuqin : Intellectual Property Law
Serial No.: 10/045,911 : Dept. 917, Bldg. 006-1
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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR : Rochester, MN 55901
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This Amendment addresses the issues raised in the Final Office Action mailed
December 02, 2003, having a period for response set to expire on March 02, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin
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